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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, JANUARY 4TH, 1909.

BRITISH trade and commerce, in common with that of nearly every manufacturing country, has suffered during the past twelve months to an extent which may be said to be unprecedented. To the United Kingdom being practically a free-trade country must be ascribed the fact that the national revenue has not been affected to a corresponding extent. But severe economic depression naturally tells upon the sources of revenue, whatever they may be. The financial year in the United Kingdom ends on the 31st March, and recent reports inform us that for the nine months of the year that have elapsed the revenue has fallen off by five million pounds sterling. That gives a monthly average of about £550,000; so that if this rate of decline continues the returns for the twelve months will show a loss of not less than seven millions sterling. When we bear in mind the fact that the total revenue of the United Kingdom for 1908 was estimated at £42,457,000 the decline in itself, though sufficiently serious, does not appear very alarming. The national income is derived mainly from excise, Customs, property and income tax, estate duty and the Post Office. In the absence of particulars we may safely assume that the decline has been mainly under the headings of property and income tax and customs. Down to the end of November the foreign trade of the United Kingdom for eleven months had shown a fall.

In connection with the letter which appeared in our columns on the 1st inst. with reference to the suffering caused to chickens as they are conveyed by horse coaches from the market, we are asked to mention that light and suitable baskets for the transit of chickens are obtainable from Kwong Tai Ley, 16 Queen's Road Central (opposite the Hongkong Hotel), at twenty cents each.

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ing off to the enormous extent of ninety-nine millions sterling—a reduction in the imports equal to 9.07 per cent and in the exports to 11.60 per cent for the eleven months of the year. The articles contributing to the Customs revenue, however, are few, the chief being tobacco and snuff, sugar &c., tea, wine, and exported coal, but these are all of them articles for which there is likely to be a diminished demand in times of economic depression. An abstract of the import and export returns for those eleven months shows, for instance, that there has been a decline of £1,222,597 under the heading of "Other food and drink" which does not include grain and flour or meat but covers all the articles paying import duty. Tobacco, it is interesting to note, is one of the few items in the statement showing an increase. Besides this item, ships, grain and flour, and textile materials (other than wool and cotton) are the only items in the whole summary which do not exhibit a decline when compared with the returns for the corresponding period of 1907. The shrinkage in the exports has been almost general, the chief decline being in manufactured articles, which fall below the previous year's returns to the extent of £41,805,196. The returns for the last month of the year, we fear, are not likely to show any material improvement in this respect, for in the month of November alone there was a decline of £4,740,322 in the import of raw materials, of which cotton accounts for £2,528,319, this being doubtless attributable to the recent labour dispute in the cotton trade. For the same month the import of wool was more than half a million sterling below the figures for November 1907, and other textile materials were less by over two hundred thousand pounds. The month of November showed a reduction in the export of manufactured articles amounting to £5,628,602, of which £3,288,446 appears under the heading of cotton fabrics, and £572,179 under woollen fabrics. The greatly restricted import of raw material will naturally affect the export returns of December, so that it is fairly safe to conclude that the decline in the country's foreign trade for the whole year will not be less than £110,000,000 or about 10 per cent. There is no difficulty in realising that this great slump in the trade of the country has materially diminished the national revenue from the property and income tax, as well as from customs, and the present Government has made matters worse by its Old Age Pensions and other measures which commit the country to increased expenditure. The returns from Excise also have probably declined in view of the Government's confiscatory proposal in the now defunct Licensing Bill. In all probability the deficit to be faced when the Chancellor of the Exchequer comes to balance account at the end of the financial year will far exceed the amount of the deficiency in the revenue.

The King's exequatur empowering Mr. L. C. Herrera to be Consul-General for Panama at Hongkong has received his Majesty's signature.

Receipts into the Treasury from January 1st to 31st October, 1908, totalled £16,297,846.87, while payments out amounted to £16,503,835.88. The excess of payments over receipts is therefore £205,989.01.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to recognise Mr. W. Kien as being in charge of the Consulate General of the Netherlands-India in Hongkong during the absence on leave of Dr. A. van de Sande Bakhuyzen.

The Colonial Treasurer's statement of the assets and liabilities of the Colony on October 31st shows a balance of assets over liabilities of £1,50,530.31. The total assets are £4,343,427.31 and the total liabilities £3,212,896.78.

His Excellency the Governor-in-Council has been pleased to appoint, under Section 6 of Ordinance No. 15 of 1908, the Hon. Mr. A. M. Thomason, and Messrs E. D'Aquino, E. H. Crofton, S. B. C. Ross, and F. W. Clark to be directors of the Widows and Orphans' Pensions.

Mr. John M. Darrah, the American Postal Agent at Shanghai, was on Christmas Eve the recipient of a handsome silver cigar cabinet which was presented to him as a token of appreciation by a large number of the leading American merchants of Shanghai as a mark of their appreciation of the excellent work done by him as the American postal agent.

Shanghai papers record the death of Captain J. D. C. Arthur, a very popular member of the Shanghai Licensed Pilots' Association, who was also well known along the China, Australian and New Zealand coasts, where he traded for many years while in command of one of the Eastern and Australian Co.'s liners and one of Messrs Butterfield and Swire's steamers.

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New Year's Day was the occasion of a reception by the Japanese Consul.

Hongkong joins in the universal week of prayer, the meetings beginning to-day and continuing till Saturday.

The captain and officers of the U.S.S. Helena were at home on New Year's Day to a large number of American residents.

The directors of the Eastern Extension, Australasia, and China Telegraph Company, have declared an interim dividend for the quarter ended September 30 last at 2s. 6d. per share, free of income-tax, payable on the 15th prox.

Mr. Heinrich Heiland lectured to a good audience at the German Club last night on Motoring and Hunting. Mr. Heinrich, who spoke in English, gave an interesting account of his travels. As he is an elephant hunter of no mean reputation and has taken his motor through some of the wildest places on the earth he had many adventures to relate. Illustrations added to the value of the lecture.

Sweden, the Times' Peking correspondent states, will not ratify the treaty of friendship and commerce with China signed in Peking on July 2, on the ground that the text as signed diverges too widely from the Swedish draft first presented for negotiation. As announced at the time, the terms of the treaty were more favourable to China than the stipulations of previous treaties, especially in emphasising the reciprocal nature of the agreement and the equality of the two high contracting parties.

Sir Henry Blake was presented at the London Chamber of Commerce, last month, with a large heavy silver waiter, bearing the following inscription:—"Presented to Sir Henry A. Blake, G.C.M.G., by a number of those interested, in recognition of his valuable services as president of the First International Rubber Exhibition held in London, Olympia, in September 1908."

Sir Henry, on behalf of Lady Blake, also accepted a silver jewel casket. Sir Henry Blake, in returning thanks, said he was glad to hear that the exhibition would not be a dead one, and speaking as a rubber grower he felt sure it had been very useful. The exhibition had, he thought, laid the bogey of over-production, and knocked the bottom out of synthetic rubber. When he had spoken of paving the streets with rubber, he was speaking on the authority of a large manufacturer, who had assured him that with rubber at 2s. 6d. per lb. they could favourably compete with the quarry. He left them to judge of that time when, whether due to scrap rubber or some of the compounds which Northern Nigeria was producing, the brain-jarring noise would cease to exist and London would have mudless and noiseless streets.

M. de Lanessan, the ex-Governor-General of Indo-China, whose authority on all matters concerning the Far East is recognised both in France and abroad, gives in the Siécle his opinion on the agreement just signed between the United States and Japan. He appears to be chiefly struck by the fact that China is now at last protected to a large extent against the grasping tendencies of the Powers. She has only to reorganise her finances so to procure the necessary resources for the maintenance of the powerful army which she can easily raise in order to become completely secure against Western aggression. As for Japan herself, her Agreements with the Western Powers place her in an excellent position before the world. In the first place, they show that she is a sincere friend of peace, since the renounces all ambition to encroach upon the territories or colonies of her neighbours.

Secondly, they make it possible for her to develop her industries, her commerce, and her mercantile marine, since "within merely the limits of the Far Eastern seas she has at hand some hundreds of millions of consumers whose economic development has only just begun."

M. de Lanessan refers not merely to Korea and Manchuria, but to the immense population of China. He concludes thus:—"This intelligent and wise policy shows in a striking manner the baselessness of the opinion of those Europeans who, in their ignorance of the character of the peoples of the Far East, regarded Japan, after her victory over Russia, as a danger to the peace of the world. It likewise illustrates the seriousness of the mistake committed by the Russian Government and certain of its advisers in launching Russia upon the futile naval war which has made Japan one of the great military and naval Powers of the world, one of those with whom a country is glad to come to terms because they are strong and can give guarantees of fidelity to the friendships of alliances."

NEW YEAR MEETING.

A New Year meeting, held under the auspices of the Hongkong Christian Union, took place at the Theatre Royal last night. There was a good attendance. Rev T. W. Pearson presided and there were also present His Lordship the Bishop of Victoria, Revs. J. H. Hickling, J. A. Baker, E. J. Barnett, Thorhill, A. D. Stewart and F. J. Johnson. After devotional exercises the Victoria Quartette rendered "Remember me oh mighty One." Bishop Lander at the outset of his remarks referred to the growing desire for the union of Christendom, and then went on to discourse upon the fundamental truths of Christianity, taking the question "What shall I do with Jesus?" as his text. The Victoria Quartette sang "Pass me not gentle Saviour," and Mr. White presided at the piano and led the praise.

THE NOBEL PRIZES.

The Nobel Prize Committee have decided to award the prize this year as follows:

Chemistry—Professor Ernest Rutherford, of Manchester University.

Physics—Professor Gabriel Lippmann, Paris.

Medicine—Prize divided between Professor Metchnikoff, of Paris, and Professor Paul Ehrlich of Frankfurt-on-Main.

Literature—Professor Rudolf Eucken, of Jena.

TELEGRAMS.

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THE GREAT CALAMITY
IN ITALY.

LONDON, January 1st.

It is reported that Lipari Island, the principal island of the group of that name, has disappeared, involving the loss of 300,000 inhabitants.

Stromboli and Vulcano are both exhibiting signs of activity.

[REUTER'S SERVICE TO THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."] WORLD-WIDE GENEROSITY.

LONDON, January 1st.

King Edward has subscribed 500 guineas to the Mansion House Fund being raised to alleviate the distress in Italy, and the Queen and Prince of Wales have each contributed £250.

The French Government has opened a national subscription, to which President Fallières has contributed £1,000 and the Bank of France £4,000.

The Canadian Government has granted the sum of \$100,000.

Millions of dollars are being raised in the United States and President Roosevelt is asking Congress for a liberal appropriation.

British warships are conveying immense quantities of food, blankets, tents, etc., from Malta, while America is sending a shipload of navy rations.

UNEARTHING THE VICTIMS.

LONDON, January 2nd.

The roll of victims in the recent catastrophe appears to be growing. It is raining incessantly and the stench from the unburied becomes hourly worse.

The soldiers are unflagging in their zeal in unearthing the victims, and bread and water are being widely distributed.

The supply of water, however, is limited owing to the destruction of the aqueducts.

The Argentine Government has voted the sum of £8,800 towards the relief of the sufferers.

RELIEF MEASURES.

HEROISM OF BRITISH AND RUSSIAN BLUEJACKETS.

LONDON, January 2nd.

The Italian warships have now organised relief measures, and stores are being conveyed by the warships to points along the coast.

These measures, however, are still quite inadequate.

It is realized that it is necessary to deport all survivors.

The Italian papers are full of praise for the heroism shown by the British and Russian bluejackets.

THE DECLINE IN BRITISH REVENUE.

LONDON, January 1st.

The revenue for the past quarter shows a decrease of £610,821, and for the past nine months there has been a falling off of five millions sterling.

OLD AGE PENSIONS.

LONDON, January 2nd.

The first payments under the Old Age Pensions Act were made yesterday.

There was a great rush of applicants, but not so great as had been anticipated.

The Post Office organisation was perfect and quite equal to the occasion.

NAVAL PROMOTIONS.

LONDON, January 2nd.

Vice-Admiral Sir A. G. Curzon-

Howe, K.C.B., who was second in

command of the China Squadron 1903-5, has been promoted to the rank of Admiral.

Rear-Admiral F. W. Egerton has been promoted to the rank of Vice-Admiral.

THE AUSTRALIAN CRICKET TEAM.

LONDON, January 2nd.

The Australian Board of Control has cabled that the Marylebone programme has been accepted and that the team will leave for England on March 17th.

[THE S.S. "PATSHAN" BOYCOTTED.]

HOSTILE DEMONSTRATION AT CANTON.

The long-expected crisis was reached on New Year's Day. Placards had done their work and by 11 a.m. crowds were gathering in the neighbourhood of the Canton-Macao Steamship Company's Wharf.

At the last meeting held on the 31st December, presided over by Kong Sew Cheun, the anti-foreign agitator of Ho Nam who has prominently identified himself with the whole movement since its inception, many hostile speeches were made, and it was decided to take "firm action" against those who dared to patronise the *Patshan*.

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RANDOM REFLECTIONS.

Like other mortals I have to recognize the advent of 1909, and lost I should be deemed churlish or unsociable let me hasten to wish you all the compliments of the season. I won't bore you with any dissertations on the past or prognostications of the future, but I hope your mental stock-taking has not shown too many entries on the wrong side of the recording angel's diary and that you will keep all the good resolutions you make.

Certainly Hongkong brought in the New Year right royally. Crackers and bombs and rockets greeted the infant 1909 with an enthusiasm more marked than that greeted its immediate predecessors, and, of course, the Scotsmen who went forth first footing did not go empty handed. It is to be hoped they brought good luck to all whom they visited.

Apropos of assisting at the birth of the New Year, the minister of Union Church yesterday related an incident which may be amusing, or otherwise, according to the point of view. The watch-night service on New Year's Eve had just concluded and the pastor went down from the pulpit to exchange greetings with members of the congregation. Going up to one stranger he held out his hand and was surprised to find it touch a whisky bottle which the man was endeavouring to conceal. Evidently his ideas as to bringing in the new year were a bit confused.

I suppose most people here have been struck by the number of new years that are celebrated in this part of the world. The Jews have their New Year about September, and not long afterwards the Parsees celebrate theirs. Then we have our own Xmas, which in itself marks the dawn of a new era, followed by our own New Year. The Mohammedans are the next to celebrate, and, of course, we all know when Chinese New Year falls. We should be a festive community with all these celebrations to honour.

Another amateur dramatic performance claims our attention and patronage. The Kowloon Dock Amateurs produce "The Silver King" next Saturday and Monday, and, if they do as well as they did with "Rob Roy" they will earn hearty congratulations. I am told that the play will be better mounted than it was when the professionals played it three weeks ago. Good luck to them!

Here's a hint for some of our business concerns. A correspondent writing to a northern journal says: — "It has never, perhaps struck local stores to dress up their shroffs 'swell' so as to facilitate the collection of their outstanding accounts. On Tuesday I received the visit of an exquisitely dressed native. He was garbed in a magnificent robe of blue silk brocade, with a skirt to match. He was smoking a fragrant Egyptian cigarette, held in a delicate amber mouthpiece. His general 'hong-tong' appearance was overpowering, and I could not resist offering him the best seat available. When he was seated, I asked him what gave me the pleasure of his visit. He replied: 'My blong Loyal Hotel bar boy. I come catchee chits.' I paid him the \$2.00 in silence; had he been dressed in the usual 'boy' clothes I would have told him 'Come next month, number five day.' The conclusion to be drawn from this is that money spent on the shroff's outfit might be a good investment. Instead of 'small profits and quick returns' the motto might be 'smartly dressed shroffs, no bad debts.'

China is not so far behind as some people would think. Feminism is, as we know, very acute at home, so its outbreaks are occasionally somewhat painful. Whether China has a Suffragette problem I know not, but feminism has, according to Paris journal, developed to an extraordinary degree, and in most large centres there is a newspaper run by women. But I did not know until a day or two ago that China was blessed with a Lady Journalist. But I learn from the source indicated that China has crowds of 'em. In Peking, it is stated, "nine journals are edited, printed, and sold by women. Canton produces four newspapers in a like manner, Shanghai six, and Foochow three." I suppose if China had a constitution it would be able to furnish spectacles of women entering the sacred precincts of the House of Parliament and demanding their rights or attacking Cabinet ministers with virulent tongues.

The innocent young man was scanning the newspaper and a certain piece of news arrested his attention he said "Why, here's a couple in America seeking for divorce on the eve of their golden wedding." "Better late than never" growled one of his companions, a married man, and the company looked sympathetic.

Dear me! What a shock, and just after Christmas too, with its mistletoe privileges. Fancy reading this: "The number of diseases which kissing causes is unbelievable to one who has not studied the question," asserts a Philadelphia physician. "During the interval of the kiss, one may imagine the various germs rushing back and forth with unholly glee." This is indeed a fearsome picture, yet one may ask what harm the germs do while rushing. That is, of course, among ordinarily healthy persons. At any rate, as between a world without kisses and one with, the choice will probably continue to lie with the kisses. But all the same, I am worried. Will the Sanitary Board attempt to interfere in our Christmas Eve festivities?

What a future lies before our surgeons? By a simple operation on the skull removing pressure on the brain a man, forty-eight years of age, was changed from a drunkard and a thief to an honest, industrious citizen. Of course it happened in America. If surgeons can work such marvels, we may anticipate their doing more than mere preaching, and bring about the millennium.

ROXBURGH, RANDOM.

LOCAL SPORT.

CRICKET.

H.K.C.C. v. UNITED SERVICES.

The two-day match between teams representing the Hongkong Cricket Club and the United Services was concluded on the ground of the H.K.C.C. on Saturday, and ended in a win for the H.K.C.C. team by 71 runs. The United Service eleven batted first and compiled a total score of 322. Lieut. Bagwell recorded the excellent score of 108 before he was caught by Claxton from one of Turner's deliveries. The useful score of 66 was registered by Lieut. Anderson, while Lieut. Haughton compiled 63 before he was dismissed. In the second innings Captain Beasley, not out, had 44 runs to his credit, while Lieut. Anderson's score stood at 34. The innings was closed when four wickets had fallen and the total stood at 132. In the first innings R. Hancock and Bird took four wickets apiece, while in the second three of the Service wickets fell to Stevens for a total of 37 runs. The Hongkong eleven, in their first innings, registered a total of 162, Turner contributing 50 and Lanning 41. The second innings was declared when the total stood at 343 and there were three wickets to fall. R. Hancock contributed the handsome score of 177, while Pearce had 119 to his credit. In the first innings five of the Hongkong wickets fell to Captain Baird for a total of 73, and four to Captain Garrett for a total of 69. In the second innings Captain Baird scattered the wickets of another three batsmen, three more being dismissed by Lieut. Liepmann for a total of 90 runs. Scores and analyses follow:

UNITED SERVICES—1st innings.
Capt. Baird, c Fowler, b Stevens..... 16
Capt. Stevens, b Bird..... 2
Lt. Haughton, c sub, b R. Hancock..... 63
Lt. Green, c Claxton, b Bird..... 66
Lt. Anderson, c R. Hancock, b Bird..... 65
Mr. Oliver, c R. Hancock, b Bird..... 6
R. Hancock, c Claxton, b Turner..... 108
Capt. Garrett, c R. Hancock, b Bird..... 44
Lt. Innes, b R. Hancock, b Bird..... 14
Lt. Pearce, b R. Hancock, b Bird..... 3
Lt. Liepmann, not out..... 17
Extras..... 17

Total..... 322
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O. M. B. W.
Capt. Baird..... 9 1 42 2
Capt. Stevens..... 8 2 27 1
R. Hancock..... 27 3 117 4
Capt. Garrett..... 1 1 17 1
Mr. Oliver..... 1 1 1 1
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Raines..... 11
J. Balcony, b. Lopez..... 9
J. F. Morris, b. Abbas..... 27
E. Jeawson, b. Abbas..... 9
J. A. Chinnoy, b. Abbas..... 14
G. Hogarth, not out..... 3
S. Taylor, b. Abbas..... 11
S. Halliwala, M. Billimoria, A. Movewall, and P. Vapiwalla, did not bat..... 8
Extras..... 8

Total (six wickets)..... 8
BOWLING ANALYSIS.
O. M. B. W.
A. Abbas..... 10 0 29 4
C. Lopez..... 6 0 25 1
J. Ribiro..... 4 1 9 1

CRAIGENGOWER v. DIOCESEAN SCHOOLS.

An interesting match was played between the above teams on the former Club's ground on Saturday, and resulted in a draw. The school team was ably assisted by Edwards of the Police, who carried his bat for 108 runs. The fine fielding of the Diocesan boys kept the runs down considerably. For Craigengower Manderson contributed a useful 22 and Osman 21. The following are the scores and analyses:

PROGRESS SCHOOL
G. E. Loco, b. Manderson..... 3
A. O. Bravos, b. Manderson..... 23
Edwards, not out..... 108
J. Whitefield, b. Nordin, b. Manderson..... 12
W. Viveiros, b. Lamont, b. Osman..... 4
A. Jenkins, b. Pestonji..... 3
W. Hall, c. b. Osman..... 4
F. Knight, c. Ager, b. Osman..... 2
G. Witte, not out..... 11
E. Letino and J. Yow, did not bat..... 11
Extras..... 11

Total (six wickets)..... 117
BOWLING ANALYSIS.
O. M. B. W.
Pestonji..... 9 1 42 2
Lamont..... 5 1 21 2
Manderson..... 7 1 24 2
Osman..... 3 1 14 1
Nordin..... 1 1 15 1

CRAIGENGOWER
H. L. Manderson, b. Jenkins..... 28
E. Pestonji, c. Loco, b. Brown..... 7
L. E. Lamont, b. Brown..... 10
A. Osman, b. Brown..... 21
J. D. Nordin, b. Jenkins..... 6
J. D. Kinward, not bat..... 6
G. A. Hancock, c. Loco, b. Brown..... 7
L. A. Rose, c. Loco, b. Brown..... 15
M. Vitreous, not out..... 12
S. B. Ballantyne, c. b. Whitfield..... 12
J. W. Stewart, did not bat..... 7
Extras..... 7

Total (six wickets)..... 113
BOWLING ANALYSIS.
O. M. B. W.
Brown..... 18 2 49 5
Yow..... 9 2 31 2
Jenkins..... 7 1 28 2
Hall..... 1 1 1 1

TELEGRAPHES V. B.E.S.
This League fixture was played on the Naval ground on Saturday and resulted in a win for the Telegraphes by 45 runs. For the winners Warburton and Shields batted well, contributing 27 and 22 respectively, Peake took 5 wickets for 12 and Shields 5 for 29. For R.E. their own and Harris were batting well until a mishit by Power placed the ball in Young's hands, shortly afterwards Harris lifted one to cover point which Lack held. Scores:

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4. TOWNSEND BUSHMORE in New York
5. WILHELM WIEDEHOLD in Shanghai
6. ADOLF CARL SCHOMBURG in Twintian
7. CARL BERTHOLD ROSENBAUM in Shanghai

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KAISELICH DEUTSCHE KONSULAT.

Canton, den 30. Dezember 1908. [139]

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J. C. OWEN,

Secretary.
Kowloon, 4th January, 1908. [140]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their goods are being landed and placed AT THE RISK IN THE HONGKONG and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out by Mark by Mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given the contrary within 6 hours.

Goods not cleared by the 7th inst., at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee and the Company's representative at an appointed hour. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here after which date they cannot be recognised. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, 1st January, 1908. [1]

INTIMATIONS

NOTICE.

WE the Undersigned hereby beg to inform the Public that before any Agreement, Contract, Delivery Order, Receipt or other Important Document in connection with our Business can be Valid it must be Signed by Mr. Ho Jui and stamped with the chop of our Firm.

TONG SHING, Washerwoman,
458, West Point, Hongkong.
Hongkong, 30th December, 1908. [178]

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NOTICES OF FIRMS

NOTICE.

MR. ERNST ARNDT, having retired from his Employment, CEASES to Sign our Firm pro Procurator from This Date. ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO. Hongkong, 1st January, 1909. [123]

NOTICE.

I have This Day established myself under the name of ARNDT & CO., with Offices at 33, Queen's Road Central and will carry on Business as General Importer. ERNST ARNDT. Hongkong, 1st January, 1909. [129]

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. JOHANNES THEODOR LAUTS in our Firm CEASES To-day. LAUTS & HAESLOOP. Swatow, 31st December, 1908. [130]

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. ADOLF CARL SCHOMBURG and MR. WILHELM WIEDEHOLD in our Firm CEASED on the 31st December, 1908. ME. CARL ROBERT LENZMANN has been Admitted a partner in our Firm from This Date. CARLOWITZ & CO. China, Japan, Hongkong, 1st January, 1909. Hamburg, New York. [131]

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility in our Firm of late Mr. CARL GEORGE RICHARD BRODERSEN CEASED upon his death, which took place at Shanghai on the 2nd October last.

MR. HANS AUGUST SIEBERT and MR. EUGEN SIEBERT have This Day been Admitted as Partners in our Firm. SIEMSEN & CO. Shanghai, 1st January, 1909. [132]

COMMERCIAL UNION ASSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

M. PERCY TESTER has been appointed LOCAL MANAGER of the above Company's HONGKONG BRANCH from This Date. W. H. TRENCHARD DAVIS, Manager for China. Shanghai, 1st January, 1909. [133]

INSURANCES

THE GLOBUS INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

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CARLOWITZ & CO. Hongkong, 13th August 1908. [128]

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SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., Agents. Hongkong, 21st July, 1908. [101]

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Hongkong, 30th December, 1908. [1712]

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SCIENTIFIC MISCELLANY.

ELECTRIC POWER FROM THE EARTH—THE PUSH OF SUNBEAMS—SUNKEN RIVERS—A SAFE GUN RADIAN AND EARTH HISTORY—A SNAKE'S LEGS—BAD HABIT INVESTIGATED—THE STREAKS ON THE MOON—HEART BEAT RECORDS.

Great local differences in the electrification of the earth are known to exist, and a German engineer suggests that with better knowledge it may be possible to make mining for electricity as profitable as digging for coal or metals. In experiments in two comparatively shallow borings, he has obtained weak currents between a small rod of brass or iron immersed in the water of the pit and a similar rod buried near the surface. He urges that contractors, mining companies and others take up the problem, and perform such experiments as testing the current between a 60-foot copper cylinder at the bottom of a boring of 3,000 feet or more and a similar cylinder buried in moist ground at the surface, also investigating the charges to be obtained from long iron pipes buried in the ground. It seems quite possible that means may be found for charging accumulators from earth currents, thus giving us a new source of power, light and heat.

The conclusion that light exerts pressure was reached by Clerk Maxwell 35 years ago, but many attempts to measure the pressure gave only doubtful results. It was at last shown by Lebedew that in the tropics the sun's rays have a pressure of about three pounds per square mile. The sun's attraction upon the earth is millions of times greater, but the attraction acts upon the mass while the total radiation pressure depends upon the surface exposed, so that when matter is reduced to dust the radiation pressure may exceed the attraction. Thus it is that the sun's rays push the nebulous tail of a comet away from the denser head.

The submarine bid of the French river Adour has been followed by Prof. Edward Hall, F.R.S., 50 miles out to sea and that of the Congo he has traced 100 miles into the ocean.

The electric gun, which shoots without powder or projectile and is already a popular penny-in-the-slot toy in Paris, is not designed for warfare or hunting, but serves well target practice. The gun, which may be of any kind, is mounted on a special stand, while the special target is placed 20 or 25 yards or more away. The target is provided with 19 holes in concentric circles and four outside holes for stray shots, and behind each hole is an incandescent lamp in addition to a bell at the central hole. Each lamp is fed by a separate battery cell having a contact button in a horizontal plate in the base of the stand. When the gun points exactly to the bull's-eye, a needle projecting downward is over the central button, but as the gun's position is shifted the needle is moved over other buttons. On pressing the trigger the needle is forced downward, the contact is made lighting up the lamp aimed at. The recklessness with which these guns are "fired" in public places arouses the indignation of the uninitiated, and there is constant dodging to avoid the bullets supposed to be flying in the air.

Recognizing uranium as the grandparent of radium through the intermediate change to ionium, Prof. John Joly, in his British Association address, showed that the transformation has been so slow that the uranium on earth has diminished scarcely one per cent. in 100,000,000 years. Though the heaviest element known, most of the uranium is near the earth's surface. The radium is widely scattered, and the oceans prove to contain about 20,000 tons derived from the uranium brought down by rivers during the geological ages. The heat from radium at present may be making good all that the earth is radiating into space. This implies a very long past and future earth-life, and supports geologists in their estimates that the world is much older than physiologists have been willing to admit.

On dissecting a South American boy, constrictor, 132 feet long, Capt. Musgrave has been surprised to discover two rudimentary legs, only two inches long, having hip and knee joints hidden under what appeared to be two distorted scales.

Reading in bed, though a common practice, is not usually commended. The reasons for disapproval seem to have been not clearly understood, though it is known that with oil lamps there is serious risk of fire—an objection that cannot be raised when daylight or the modern electric light is used. Dr. Hugo Feilchenfeld, of Berlin, has undertaken recently to determine, just how—if at all—the habit is harmful. Injury to the eyes proves to be the real danger. The light is often insufficient or in a position to dazzle, and the book is usually held too close and seldom so that both eyes are used equally. Myopia and other defects are thus caused or increased. Young persons, whose eyes are not fully developed, are especially liable to be affected, and it is urged that boys and girls under eighteen should never be permitted to read in bed. With increasing age, of course, the likelihood of inducing errors of refraction is lessened. Old and bed-ridden persons cannot well be denied the luxury of reading in bed, and for them the chance of harm can be made small by attention to the quality and position of the light.

The bright streaks radiating from centers on the moon—such as those from the craters Tycho and Copernicus—have perplexed astronomers. H. G. Tomkins, a British astronomer, suggests that the rays represent extensive incrustations of alkali left as the water evaporated from solutions, and he finds like incrustations in India, Persia and Africa. Radiations are produced on the sides of hills, the alkali deposits on the mountains of the Punjab, in India, being strikingly similar in form to the lunar streaks.

By means of an ingenious combination of the stethoscope, microphone, phonograph and galvanometer, a Dutch physiologist obtains a photographic record of the heart-beats. It is claimed that the photograph not only shows the skilled operator when the heart is unsound but tells him the disease.

SHARE REPORT.

Messrs. Erich Georg & Co. in their weekly share list, dated the 31st December, 1908, say:—Since issue of our last report Christmas holidays have intervened, and this week but little business has been transacted. The sterling demand rate of exchange on London closes at 11.34£., while rates on Shanghai are Tls. 75 for a Bank T.T. and Tls. 75 for a 3 days sight private draft, the rate in Shanghai on this for 3 days sight Private Bill being Tls. 75. Barsilver in London has advanced to 23d., and onons are quoted £63 1s. The Bank of England's rate of discount is 24 per cent., while the private rate of discount is 28 per cent.

BANK SHARES.—A few Hongkong and Shanghai sold at \$845, but more shares are on offer; the London rate has advanced to 282 10s. Nationals are unchanged.

MARINE INSURANCE SHARES.—A few Unions sold at \$835, at which figure shares are on offer. North China sold at Tls. 105 and continue in request. Cantons have sellers at \$195, while China Traders at \$872, and Yangtze at \$167 1/2 are wanted.

FIRE INSURANCE SHARES.—Hongkong have been done at 325, but shares are offering. China are easier, and \$105 has been accepted.

SHIPPING SHARES.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao have sellers at \$295. Indias are unchanged here, while Shanghai Tls. 37 has been accepted, while the London rates are £3 10s. for preference, and £1 1s. for deferred shares. China and Manilas are weak at \$14. Douglass, changed hands at \$33, and a few more shares can be placed at that figure. Star Ferries, as well as Waterboats show no change. Shell Transports have buyers at 47 shillings, the London rate having improved to 48 shillings.

REFINERIES.—A few China Sugars are for sale at \$112 1/2, and Lazons are weak with sellers at \$13.

MINING SHARES.—Charbonnages are unchanged. Raubs have sellers at \$83. Chinese Engineering and Mining Co.'s shares are in demand at Tls. 175.

DOCS. WHARVES, GONDONS, &c.—There is nothing to report under this heading, except that Hongkong and Kowloon Wharves have been in some demand, resulting in sales at \$34 to \$43, and more shares are placed. Shanghai Docks are quiet at Tls. 175.

LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS.—The only changes are: Kowloon Lands have sellers at \$33, and Hotels buyers at \$84. No sales have been reported.

COTTON MILLS.—Shanghai quotes: Ewo's Tls. 76 buyers, Internationals Tls. 67 1/2 buyers, Loon King Mows Tls. 73 sellers, and Soeycheas Tls. 235 buyers. Hongkong Cottons have buyers at \$39 and sellers at \$10.

SUNDAY MANUFACTURING COMPANIES.—Hongkong Electrics sold and have further enquiries at \$10. Green Island Cements changed owners at \$9.90 and \$9.80 and have further sellers at \$9.90. Ices are obtainable at \$220. Esso fetched \$24, but more shares are obtainable. Other stocks under this heading without sales and unchanged.

MISCELLANEOUS.—China Providents sold at \$10. In other stocks under this heading nothing has been done and rates are the same as reported last.

BURMA RICE CROP.

CHEERFUL FORECAST.

The summary of the forecast of the rice crop for November issued by the Department of Land Records says:—The area under rice cultivation in fifteen principal rice producing districts is now reported to be 7,559,655 acres, an increase of 307,627 acres over last year's actual. The total fallow area is 443,391 acres, and the area destroyed by floods—29,553 acres—is smaller than usual. Rain was unusually heavy and continuous in November, and storms damaged the standing rice crop in Arakan Division. Elsewhere rain seems to have done little harm. The harvesting of the winter rice crop is now commencing under normal conditions, and prospects are excellent. The provincial estimate is 99. This is four points higher than last year, when the estimate was 95, now reduced to 95 by the revision of last year's figures in several districts. The surplus available for export last year was estimated at 2,486,000 tons of cargo rice, but revision of district average and outturn reduces the amount to about 2,430,000 tons of cargo rice. This year the surplus is estimated at 2,503,000 tons of cargo rice, equivalent to 45,536,723 cwt., of clean rice.

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SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, MALTA and YOKOHAMA	Capt. H. Powell	On 16th Jan.	Freight and Passage.

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Hongkong, 4th January, 1909.

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MANILA, ZAMBOANGA, PORT DARWIN THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY, VILLE DE TASMANIA, NEW ZEALAND, ADELAIDE, FREMANTLE and PERTH	"CHANGSHA"	On 31st Jan., 4 P.M.
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MOJI & KOBE	"ONSANG"	Sunday, 10th Jan., D'light	
SH'NAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE & MOJI	"FOOKSANG"	Monday, 11th Jan., Noon	
SANDAKAN	"MAUSANG"	Tuesday, 12th Jan., Noon	
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MOJI, KOBE, YOKKAICHI, and YOKOHAMA	SHINANO MARU	6388	TUESDAY, 5th Jan., 09 at Noon.
SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, via MANILA, THURSDAY TOWN, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE	TANGO MARU	7463	TUESDAY, 19th Jan., 09 at Noon.
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The Sydney, with the French mail of the 4th December, left Saigon on Friday, the 1st inst., at 8 a.m., and may be expected here to-day. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 31st October.

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The Parcel mail will be closed on Friday,
the 8th Jan., at 5 p.m.

Macao
Moj and Kobe
Shanghai, Yokohama, Kobe and Moji
Manila
Kobe and Yokohama
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta
Manila
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA,
VICTORIA and VANCOUVER (B.C.)
(Supplementary mail will be closed on
board at 6.30 a.m., extra fee 10 cents.)

Washing
Sui Tai
Chang
Haiyang
Shinko Maru

Ernest Simons
Sui Tai
Catherine Apoor
Tunis
Singapore
Antiochus
Antiochus
Sado Maru

Empire
Sui Tai
Rajah
Indrauadi
Sui Tai
Sui Tai
Chunseong
Minneapolis
Bubi

Wednesday, 6th, 11.00 A.M.
Wednesday, 5th, 11.15 P.M.
Tuesday, 5th, 10.00 A.M.
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Printed Matter and Sam-
ples
Registration, 10.00 A.M.
(fee of 10 cents up to
10.45 A.M.)
Registration, Kowlon
B.O., 10.00 A.M.
No late fee.

Letters
Tuesday, 5th, 11.15 P.M.
Tuesday, 5th, 2.00 P.M.
Tuesday, 5th, 3.00 P.M.
Tuesday, 5th, 3.00 P.M.
Tuesday, 5th, 5.00 P.M.

Wednesday, 6th, 11.00 A.M.
Wednesday, 6th, 11.15 P.M.
Thursday, 7th, 11.00 A.M.
Thursday, 7th, 11.15 P.M.
Friday, 8th, 1.15 P.M.
Friday, 8th, 3.00 P.M.
Saturday, 9th, 10.00 A.M.
Saturday, 9th, 10.00 A.M.

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(Registration, with late
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Sui Tai
Orsang
Fookong
Tean
Ara Maru
Kutang
Yuenseong

Empress of Japan
Friday, 15th, 6.00 P.M.

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COMMERCIAL

EXCHANGE
CLOSING QUOTATION.

December 31st.

ON LONDON—
Telegraphic Transfer 1/53
Bank Bills, on demand 1/38
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight 1/38
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 1/38
Credits, at 4 months' sight 1/38
Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight 1/38

ON PARIS—
Bank Bills, on demand 217
Credits, at 2 months' sight 222

ON GERMANY—
On demand 177

ON NEW YORK—
Bank Bills, on demand 421
Credits, at 60 days' sight 438

ON BOMBAY—
Telegraphic Transfer 150
Bank, on demand 1302

ON CALCUTTA—
Telegraphic Transfer 130
Bank, on demand 1302

ON SHANGHAI—
Bank, at sight 751

ON YOKOHAMA—
On demand 842

ON MANILA—
On demand 74

ON BATAVIA—
On demand 1042

ON HAIPHONG—
On demand 93 1/2

ON SAIGON—
On demand 94 1/2

ON BANGKOK—
On demand 504

SOVEREIGN BANK'S BUYING RATE \$1.35

GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tael \$60.40

BAR SILVER, per oz. 234

SUBSIDARY COINS—
per cent

Chinese 20 cents pieces \$4.45 discount

Chinese 10 " 55.60

Hongkong 20 " 54.00 "

Hongkong 10 " 54.10 "

Patna New 51.120 per chest

Patna Old 51.135 "

Bonares New 51.057 "

Bonares Old "

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December 29th.

Quotations are—
Malwa New \$1,180 per picoul.

Malwa Old \$1,190 "

Malwa Older \$1,200 "

Malwa V. Old \$1,220 "

Persian fine quality \$850

Persian extra fine \$950

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